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| Inventor : | Yunbo Cao | Group Art Unit: 2129 |
| Appln. No. : | 10/732,741 | Examiner: P. D. Coughlan |
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| For : | UNCERTAINTY REDUCTION IN COLLABORATIVE BOOTSTRAPPING | |
| Docket No. : | M61.12-0555 | |

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW**VIA FACSIMILE:**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Sir:

Applicant believes that a telephone conference with the Examiner at this point in time may help to advance the present case toward allowance. Accordingly, Applicant hereby respectfully requests the privilege of an interview. In that regard, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned (Christopher L. Holt) to arrange a date and time for a phone conference. If the Examiner is not inclined to conduct an interview at this time, Applicant respectfully requests that the undersigned be contacted and informed that this is the case. The undersigned can be reached at (612) 852-0600 during normal business hours (central time zone).

Respectfully submitted,

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